## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

## NO. 88-22

## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN

## SUPERCEDES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85-18

WHEREAS, the children of the State of Arizona are our most important responsibility; and

WHEREAS, there is a vital need for the children and youth of Arizona to live in a healthful, productive, and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the State to promote the strength and well-being of its children and families; and

WHEREAS, programs that address the changing needs of Arizona's children and youth at the state level are provided by many private, local, state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a single, strong voice for children and youth within the executive branch to focus on these interrelated problems affecting children and youth as part of a family system; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office for Children was created by Executive Order No. 85-18.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose Mofford, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby continue the Governor's Office for Children and delineate herein its responsibilities and organization.

- The office shall continue to:
  - a. Serve as an interagency coordinator on children, youth and family programs within state government and promote coordination with federal and private agencies.
  - b. Serve as the information base on children and youth programs in Arizona.
  - c. Recommend priorities for children and youth services to the Governor.
  - d. Organize community efforts on a statewide level around children and youth issues of statewide concern.
  - e. Disseminate information on children and youth issues via publications, conferences, workshops and an annual report to the Governor on the status of Arizona's children.
  - f. Provide an advocacy voice for children and youth in state policy-making.
- The office shall utilize staff and recourses within other departments of state government as designated by the Governor.
- An Advisory Council to the office is established consisting of 25 members appointed by the Governor. The members shall serve, without pay, and at the pleasure of the Governor. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter.

- 4. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Council to the office established by Executive Order No. 85-18 is hereby continued. It shall consist of not fewer than fifteen nor more than thirty-three members. The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. Members shall serve for three year staggered terms. The Governor shall select members as required in the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 as amended in 1984.
- A Cabinet Committee established by Executive Order 85-18 is hereby continued. It shall consist of the Directors of the Department of Economic Security, Corrections and Health Services and the Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration to ensure the coordination of services to children, youth and families. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will be invited as a member. The committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter.
- 6. The Office, at the direction of the Governor, may establish any advisory organizations necessary for achievement of its responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose Mofford, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona, order and direct that Executive Order 85-18 is repealed effective September 15, 1988.

This order shall become effective September 15, 1988.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twelfth.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State